

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A2 FIELD OF THE INVENTION

On page 1, at line 9, please insert the following new subheading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

On page 5, before line 1, please insert the following new heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On page 5, at line 15, please insert the following new heading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In the Claims

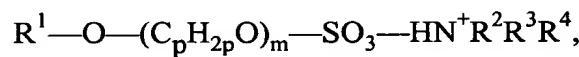
Please cancel Claims 1-10.

Please add the following new claims, 11-17:

New Claims

11. (New) A microemulsion comprising:

(A) 0.5 to 70% by weight of the alkanolammonium salts of alkylsulfates and alkylpolyalkyleneglycolethersulfates having the structure:



wherein

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R^1 is a C_8 - to C_{20} -hydrocarbon residue,

\Rightarrow ions

p is an integer from 2 to 5, wherein p can be different for each m ,

R^2 is H, a C_1 - to C_6 -alkyl, or a C_2 - to C_4 -hydroxyalkyl,

R^3 is H, a C_1 - to C_6 -alkyl, or a C_2 - to C_4 -hydroxyalkyl,

R^4 is a C_2 - to C_4 -hydroxyalkyl, and

m is an integer from 0 to 7,

and mixtures thereof;

(B) 20 to 95% by weight water;

(C) 0.1 to 20% by weight of at least one oil component; and

(D) 0.1 to 20% by weight of at least one mono- or polyvalent C_2 - to C_{24} -alcohol,

each based on the total composition of the microemulsion.

12. (New) The microemulsion according to claim 11, wherein the alkanolammonium salts of the alkylsulfates and/or alkylpolyalkyleneglycolethersulfates comprise the following residue or indices:

R^1 is a linear or saturated C_{12} - to C_{16} -alkyl residue,

p is 2 or 3, wherein p can be different for each m,

R^2 is H or hydroxyisopropyl,

R^3 is H or hydroxyisopropyl,

R^4 is hydroxyisopropyl, and

m is an integer from 0 to 2.

13. (New) The microemulsion according to any one of claims 11 and 12, wherein the microemulsion contains component

(A) in an amount of 2 to 60% by weight,

(B) in an amount of 30 to 80% by weight,

(C) in an amount of 0.5 to 15% by weight, and

(D) in an amount of 0.1 to 9% by weight.

14. (New) The microemulsion according to any one of claims 11 and 12, further containing

at least one of the following components:

- (E) 0 to 20% by weight of at least one surfactant,
- (F) 0 to 20% by weight of at least one electrolyte, and
- (G) 0 to 10% by weight of at least one additive.

15. **(New)** The microemulsion according to claim 14, containing at least one of the following components:

- (E) at least one additional surfactant comprising a triglyceride alkoxylated with ethyleneoxide and/or propyleneoxide and at least partially esterified with a C₆- to C₂₂-fatty acid, and
- (F) at least one additive comprising a poly(C₂- to C₄)-alkyleneglycol having a molecular weight of up to 1,500 g/mole.

16. **(New)** The microemulsion according to any one of the claims 11 and 12, wherein the oil component (C) contains one or more components selected from the group consisting of lecithins; mono-, di-, and/or triglycerides of saturated and/or unsaturated, branched and/or linear carboxylic acids having chain lengths of from 8 to 24 carbon atoms; branched and/or linear hydrocarbons; waxes; petroleum jelly; paraffin oils; polyolefins; silicone oils; esters of saturated, unsaturated, and/or aromatic, branched and/or linear carboxylic acids having chain lengths of from 3 to 30 carbon atoms; and saturated and/or unsaturated, branched and/or linear alcohols having chain lengths of from 3 to 30 carbon atoms.

17. **(New)** The microemulsion according to any one claims 11 and 12, characterized in that the microemulsion is a stable and transparent emulsion, the disperse phase thereof having an average particle size of less than 100 nm.

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Title

[A MICROEMULSION CONTAINING ALKANOLAMMONIUM SALTS OF THE
ALKYLSULFATES AND/OR ALKYLPOLYALKYLENEGLYCOLETHERSULFATES]

MICROEMULSION CONTAINING ALKANOLAMMONIUM SALTS OF FATTY
ALCOHOL SULFATES AND/OR ALKYLPOLYALKYLENEGLYCOLETHERSULFATES

In the Abstract

This invention relates to microemulsions containing alkanolammonium salts of the alkylsulfates and/or alkylpolyalkyleneglycolethersulfates, water, one or more oil components, and one or more alcohols. [The invention also relates to the use thereof for cosmetic and/or medicinal-dermatologic applications.]

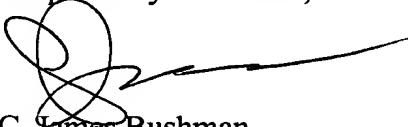
In the Abstract

On page 22, please amend the Abstract by deleting the last sentence in lines 7-9.

Clean Version of Amended Abstract

This invention relates to microemulsions containing alkanolammonium salts of the alkylsulfates and/or alkylpolyalkyleneglycolethersulfates, water, one or more oil components, and one or more alcohols.

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